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18 July 1963
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI

ATTENTION:

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Kamchatka Peninsula Search

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C/SI-3-80,366
(b) CIA/PID Project C 983-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 11 July 1963 which requests further study of Kamchatka Peninsula based on 1963 photography.

2. The west coast search area is 90 percent cloud free and of good quality on [redacted] all air-base installations as indicated on attached maps have been reported or reconfirmed as cloud free. No change was observed in any of reconfirmed installations. One additional small settlement was identified 3 km west of Palana and 1 km northwest of the fishery at 55-04N 159-47E. This settlement appears to have little significance. One possible trail links it to the fishery. Installations indicated as not identified for the earlier requirement were probably nonexistent at the time.

3. [redacted] covered the eastern half of the search area. Only about five percent of the area was cloud free and of good quality. No change was noted at any of the known installations. Installations along the Kamchatka River were only barely discernible under haze and clouds.

4. Find attached list of all published reports available at NPIC which pertain to the Kamchatka Peninsula and Kiyuchi and Kozurek areas in particular.

5. The only known photography over the western side of Kamchatka is [redacted] photography. [redacted] cover the eastern side from [redacted] to the present. Previous to 1957 there is offshore, oblique photography of varying quality dating from 1943 - 1953. There is no coverage of any type between 1953 and 1957. Information on the type of aircraft is not readily available. Photography between 1950 and 1953 is classified SECRET and some of the earlier coverage has been downgraded.

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Negatives of coverage previous to 1957 is available on seven day notice and duplicate positives are available on one month notice. None of this coverage is in NPIC files at the present time.

6. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have any further questions regarding this project.

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7. This project is considered to be complete.

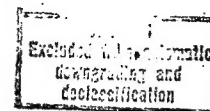
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Enclosures:

List of reports

16 - ATC Series 200 (forwarded with original requirement)

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